

SPAIN'S TROUBLE IN PHILIPPINES

Rebels Continue to Raid Towns in the Island of Luzon.

BRITISH WILL PROTECT AMERICANS

Gunns Have Been Taken from Spanish Ships to Be Used in the Defense of Manila—The Spanish Military Forces Number 5,000 Men But Ammunition is Scarce.

London, April 27.—The Times correspondent at Hong Kong, telegraphing Tuesday, says:

"The Esmeralda brought six hundred refugees, mostly Chinese, from Manila. On Saturday (the 23d) the American vessels in Philippine ports put to sea, with one exception. The British consul is protecting American interests at Manila, and the Americans will take refuge on British vessels.

"The guns have been taken from the Spanish ships to assist in the defense of Manila, where the fortifications are useless, the guns obsolete, the torpedo mines of doubtful value and ammunition of all kinds scarce. The Spaniards have an effective military force of 5,000 men.

Despite official contradictions the rebels continue raiding the towns in the island of Luzon, and the appearance of the American squadron will be the signal for a descent on Manila. It is expected that the Spaniards will make but a feeble resistance.

Berlin, April 25.—The idea that America may blockade the Philippines has caused great uneasiness at Hamburg, where it is remarked that a blockade would damage English and German interests far more than Spanish.

Of the thirty-three great trading houses at Manila, only five are Spanish, fourteen being German and twelve English. From February 16 to March 11, last, of the seventy vessels that entered Manila harbor only four were Spanish. The firms interested intend to appeal to the German government.

TARGET FOR SPAIN.

Schooner Burke Was Chased and Shot at, But Escaped.

Savannah, Ga., April 26.—Captain Mark Townsend, of the schooner Chauncey E. Burke, which arrived at quarantine last night, says that his schooner was fired at repeatedly by a Spanish vessel Friday last while on the Florida coast. He was returning here from Key West, where he had been with a load of coal. The Spaniard was sighted at about 10 o'clock, when she came up and began firing.

The Burke was hauled closer to shore and for an hour the chase was kept up, the Spaniard firing all the while as rapidly as they could with one muzzle-loading gun. None of their shots hit the Burke or came near her. The Americans taunted the Spaniards by repeatedly dipping their ensign when they saw how poor marksmen they were.

Seeing the smoke of a steamer coming south the Spaniard, after vainly trying to close in with the Burke, turned about and went seaward under full speed, followed by the cheers of the Americans. No name could be seen on the Spanish vessel.

BUYS ALL COAL IN HONOLULU.

Consul Hayward Secures Every Available Ton for United States.

Victoria, B. C., April 26.—United States Consul Hayward at Honolulu, acting for his government, has purchased 15,000 tons, all the coal available there, to meet any emergency which may arise during the war with Spain. This news was brought by the Warrimoo, which left Honolulu, April 15.

The government paid a high price for the coal. Shipping companies will not sell coal at any price, for they believe all they have will be needed for their vessels. The big purchase by Uncle Sam has stripped the market, and it is believed steamers arriving at Honolulu will be compelled to tie up.

WEAVERS' UNION STRIKE ENDED.

New Bedford Tailors Decide to Resume Work.

New Bedford, Mass., April 26.—The Weavers' union has voted to declare the strike off and return to work. The Spinner Tailors' union voted to stay away from the mills two weeks longer, or as long as the Carders' and Spinners' unions will give them support. The mill firemen, who did not go out when the present strike began, now talk of striking unless the 10 per cent. reduction is restored, and the union will meet tomorrow night to consider the matter.

BULLETS AND MORPHINE.

They End Domestic Trouble in the Plummer Family.

Mobile, Ala., April 26.—Mrs. Mollie Plummer, wife of H. M. Plummer, cashier of the Scranton, Miss., state bank, took morphine at 5 o'clock this morning. The husband shot himself through the heart at 9 a. m. and died instantly. The wife will not live. Domestic troubles are given as the cause. The bank's affairs were found to be in good condition.

ELK COUNTY'S FIRST HANGING.

Fred Rockwell and Patsy Banya Perish on the Gallows.

Ridgway, Pa., April 26.—Fred Rockwell and Patsy Banya were hanged in the Elk county jail at 10 o'clock today, being the first persons hanged in the history of the county.

The men both died from strangulation. Both of the murderers confessed to their spiritual advisers. The crime for which Rockwell was hanged was the murder on Dec. 21, 1896, of Lewis Haines, whom he wanted to get rid of in order that he might marry the widow.

Banya murdered a fellow-countryman named Pareto Agusta at Daguis mines, on July 25, 1897.

Both murders were committed without apparent provocation, and the trial of Banya was one of the shortest on record, only four hours elapsing from the time the murderer was brought into the court house until the jury declared that he was guilty of murder.

Relatives did not claim the bodies of either of the men. The execution was by the old New York method, heavy drop weight being used. Both men showed remarkable composure and they walked to the gallows without any exhibition of emotion. When the weights fell both shot into the air at the same moment and death came without a struggle. The bodies were allowed to hang thirty-five minutes and were then cut down, placed in coffins and taken to the cemetery, where they were buried.

Rockwell and Banya passed sleepless nights and neither ate any breakfast this morning. They remained silent on the scaffold when asked if they had anything to say.

This was the first execution in Elk county.

SEVEN ARE KILLED

Terrific Explosion at the California Powder Works—Shock Felt for Miles Around—Many Injured.

Santa Cruz, Cal., April 26.—Three explosions about 5:15 this afternoon at the California Powder works caused greater loss of life than any of the previous accidents in the history of these works. The most serious was a present regarding the number of killed and injured, the exact number of which cannot be ascertained before morning. It is known that seven were killed and four seriously injured, as follows:

- KILLED. EDWARD KILDEBERG, brick mason. J. MILLER, foreman of one of the mills. A. C. COLE, carpenter of the works. E. J. JENNINGS. R. JOSE. TWO BOYS, NAMED MARSHALL. INJURED. J. NELSON. WILLIAM LURGE. J. HANNAH. M. NINSON.

The first heavy shock from the explosion was felt for many miles around and was separately followed by lighter shocks. The smoke from the works in each of these villages was so thick as to be impossible for a time to perceive the extent of the damage that had been caused by the explosion. It was said that the fire was spreading, and the main danger was in immediate danger. The huge call was accordingly sounded for members of the California naval reserves, who responded promptly, hurrying to the mills and assisting the corps of the fighters already on the grounds. The primary cause of the disaster was the explosion of the cotton plant. The igniting of this plant caused the fire to spread to the adjoining brush and small buildings and was then communicated to the powder mill flat, where are located the houses of the employees of the works.

No doubt is entertained among the officials of the works that the explosion was due to an accident. The fire is now under control and all immediate danger is passed. None of the plants for making powder for the fulfillment of government contracts are injured.

EVIDENCE AGAINST SHAW.

The Commonwealth Presents a Strong Chain of Circumstances. Camden, N. J., April 26.—The state's evidence against Eli Shaw, on trial for the murder of his mother and grandmother, was presented today. Officers Foster and Pettit testified to the finding of the revolver alleged to have been used by Shaw in committing the crime. This was found in the bottom of the chimney of the Shaw house. The only hole through which the weapon could have been placed in the chimney was in Shaw's room. Mrs. Sarah Dunn, who lives next door to the Shaw house, testified to hearing two pistol shots.

D. Cobb stated that Shaw told him he heard only one shot and that when with his mother was shot. At this time his grandmother was in bed. Mrs. Annie Knight testified that the bed in the grandmother's room had not been occupied. The statement made by Shaw when he was arrested to the effect that his grandmother was in bed was offered.

British Applaud Seizures. London, April 26.—Whatever the prize courts may decide relative to the legality of the American captures of Spanish vessels, British naval men applaud the promptness of action upon the part of the American warships as being evidence that the United States is "very much alive."

Bird Shooting at Chicago.

Chicago, April 26.—J. A. Elliott, of Kansas City, defeated Fred Gilbert, of Spirit Lake, Ia., here today, in a 100 bird race at five pigeons for the Kansas City State cup. Elliott was shot by a score of 28, Gilbert missed nine out of his second 25, having drawn the hardest birds all through.

George B. White Wanted.

Albany, N. Y., April 26.—Governor Black has made requisition on the governor of Pennsylvania for the extradition of Geo. B. White, of the firm of W. S. White & Co., of Boston, Mass., who is under arrest in Pennsylvania on the charge of defrauding the Central National bank of New York city.

Telesiora Fears Capture.

Kingston, Jamaica, April 26.—The Spanish merchant ship Telesiora, Captain Harminage, bound from Galveston to Liverpool, with a cargo of cotton and grain, put in here today fearing capture. The captain has called her owners, Larriage & Co., of Liverpool, asking instructions.

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THE DANGERS OF STORY WRITING

A Burglar's Literary Effort May Con-vict Him.

THE MANUSCRIPT WAS FOUND

In It the Story of a Mysterious Murder Was Told in Graphic Style—Its Author is Now Accused of Having Committed the Crime.

Toledo, O., April 26.—A most remarkable criminal case is interesting the authorities of two states, as well as of several features involved, which are decidedly unique in character and of absorbing interest. The sentence of John Higgins, alias William Woodford, sent up from Toledo a few months ago on a four-year sentence for burglary, has been commuted for the reason that he is to be tried in the courts of Michigan on the charge of having committed the mysterious murder of former-Alderman Lafayette Ladd, in that city, on the 17th of April, 1896. Ladd was formerly a resident of this city, where he has many relatives living at the present time.

The crime was a brutal, cold-blooded affair, and had the perpetrator been apprehended at the time, it is doubtful if the authorities of Adrian could have prevented a lynching, so popular was the murdered man in the city which he had served as an official for some years.

About 2:30 o'clock on the morning of April 17, 1896, Mrs. Ladd was awakened by a rustling sound in the apartments occupied by herself and husband. Her first impression was that some one was in the room, and she immediately called out. She then raised her head very quietly for investigation. She was startled to perceive, just over the footboard of the bed, the head of a man. He was sitting in a rocking chair in front of the dresser investigating the contents of the drawer. Mrs. Ladd again endeavored to awaken her husband, but, failing, she attempted the expedient of a slight cough, hoping thus to frighten the burglar away. Just then Mr. Ladd awoke, and, upon being made to understand the situation, raised up in bed and demanded: "What are you doing there?"

Without uttering a word, the man rose from his chair, drew a revolver and fired point blank at Ladd. Then, passing behind a screen, he quietly left the house as he entered, by a bay window in the front portion of the building.

Mrs. Ladd started to get up and follow, but her husband restrained her and requested that she immediately summon a physician and notify the police. A doctor soon reached the home and it was found that the bullet, a 32-caliber, had entered the left breast near the nipple, passed downward and lodged in the intestine. Dr. Wynant was hastily summoned from Detroit, and an operation was performed, but the unfortunate victim died at 1:45 that afternoon.

The robber had taken, besides quite a sum of money, Ladd's gold watch and spectacles, and these, it was hoped, might prove some clue looking to the apprehension of the criminal. Time passed and several arrests were made, but the murderer was not apprehended. The numerous burglaries, however, were at once discontinued. A few days later, however, there began a series of perplexing robberies and burglaries in Toledo. They always occurred in the best residence portion of the city, usually among prominent business and professional men. Despite the work of the city and private detective organizations, for a long time not a trace could be secured, looking to the capture of the guilty party. One night the house of a well-known wholesale merchant was robbed. Among the articles taken was a handsome gold watch of peculiar design.

Two or three days later a barber told Detective Jack Carey that a young man who posed as a student had offered a very peculiar looking gold watch to him at a ridiculously low price. Carey, on his return, "Tom O'Brien, at once began an investigation and learned where the man boarded and roomed. Upon reaching the house they saw the object of their search, judging from descriptions given by the barber, standing upon the porch. Carey started boldly up the stairs, and in the meantime gone in the back way and started up the rear footpath. The fellow evidently did not suspect anything until just as Carey came up to him he suddenly pulled a revolver and fired. But O'Brien had referred to him and struck up his arm, the bullet being fired by Carey's arm. Both of the officers seized him, and for a time there was a desperate struggle. He was placed in jail, charged with robbing the residence of John H. Weed, of the wholesale house of Wood, Colburn & Co. But none of the property was located at the time.

Just as the officers were almost in despair of convicting him, Carey learned in some manner that the fellow, who gave his name as William Woodford, had conveyed information outside the jail to a brother-in-law, who had written another to protect his own person, and express many regrets, the expression, "A Life for a Life," appearing several times therein. There were a number of well-written and decidedly romantic incidents neatly woven into the narrative. Woodford was at first very much surprised to learn it had fallen into the officer's hands, but attempted to laugh it off. He said he had done newspaper work, and had thought of going into it again. He had written the story to submit to some paper for publication. Court was then in session, and Woodford was almost immediately indicted. He was to be arraigned the following day, and the officers were not sure of their case. The more thoroughly that manuscript, the more thoroughly was he convinced that something was back of it, but he couldn't imagine

what. He put up a strong bluff to Woodford about using it, and the latter finally said: "If you won't show that paper in court I'll plead guilty to burglary and take my medicine."

SURE OF THE CASE.

He did so and was sent to Columbus for four years. A short time afterwards Officer Carey showed the paper to Prosecuting Attorney Bird, of Adrian, Mich. The similarity in detail of the story and the incidents surrounding the mysterious Ladd murder at once flashed into Bird's mind. The officers then began to work together looking for further clues. They at last, a few days ago, succeeded in finding a man who will swear that he was approached by Woodford on the evening before the murder and asked to join him in the robbery of that and another house.

This was at first thought sufficient. But the officers, on second thought, knew that if he should be got out of the penitentiary to be tried for murder and should be convicted he could not again be tried on the old burglary charge. They worked away diligently and have now secured positive evidence that Woodford committed another burglary and if he was to be cleared on the charge of murder, he could be convicted on a similar charge to that which sent him over the road before. The attention of the governor was called to the case, and a commutation of sentence was obtained, so he might be taken to Adrian for trial on the charge of murdering Lafayette Ladd on April 17, 1896. He now is in the county jail in that city. The testimony upon which conviction is anticipated will come from this city, Detroit, Adrian and Columbus.

Prosecutor Bird, referring to the man, says: "His name is John Higgins, he has served a similar charge for larceny and another of ten years at Jackson for burglary. He is the man who was arrested by the prison authorities at Jackson after his term had expired on the charge of assisting a celebrated former Stonewall Democrat in his unsuccessful attempt to escape. He is 35 years old and formerly lived in Jackson, where his mother and sister live, the latter being a teacher in the schools. He is a graduate of Ann Arbor, refined in manner and address and an exceedingly dangerous criminal. He is by nature a criminal. He has several brothers who are model members of society. He is a faultless dresser and popular with the women."

The case will be bitterly contested, and the story he had written will cut a large figure in the prosecution counting strongly thereon to make their case.

DAY IN CONGRESS.

Senate Agrees to Conference Report on the Army Reorganization Bill.

Washington, April 25.—During the two hours' session of the senate today the conference report on the army reorganization bill was agreed to and the remainder of the session was devoted to the passage of seventy-four private pension bills and numerous measures from the general calendar.

The war revenue bill was reported to the house today, and by an arrangement made by the speaker will be tomorrow and continue at night sessions until Friday. At 4 o'clock on that day the vote will be taken. The contested election case of Wise vs. Young from the Second Virginia district, was decided today in favor of the contestant, Dr. Wise, who is a Republican, by a party vote.

WORK FOR ALL.

Demand for Pattern Makers Exceeds the Supply.

Pittsburg, April 26.—The war with Spain is responsible for a great deal of work now being done in the shops and mills of Pittsburg. President Lewis C. Thomas, of the Pattern Makers' National League, said today that there is hardly a mill or shop in the city which has not some work for the government at present under way. There is a great demand for pattern makers. A similar state of affairs is reported from Philadelphia. Mr. Thomas said: "The executive board of that city reports to me that it is constantly in receipt of inquiries from the surrounding towns for pattern makers. We cannot supply the demand now, and I do not believe there is an idle craftsman in the country."

The Columbia as a Scout.

Newport, R. I., April 26.—It is believed generally by naval officers here that the cruiser Columbia will join the Minneapolis to scout for Spanish vessels. It is learned that a number of carrier pigeons were taken aboard the cruiser before she sailed.

BASE BALL.

National League.

Table with 2 columns: Team and Record. Includes Baltimore, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Boston, Washington, New York, Louisville, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, and St. Louis.

At Philadelphia—R.H.E. Philadelphia 4 0 0 6 0 0 0—4 8 4 Boston 6 3 2 0 0 1 3—9 12 3 Batteries—Orth and Duglesby and McFarland; Klubeaux and Bergen; Empires—Snyder and Curry.

At Cincinnati—R.H.E. Cincinnati 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—0 1 0 Cincinnati 0 1 0 0 0 0 1—2 9 1 Batteries—Griffith and Donohue; Hawley and Peitz. Empires—O'Day and McDonald.

At Louisville—R.H.E. Louisville 1 0 0 0 0 0 0—1 3 0 5 Cincinnati 1 0 0 0 0 0 0—2 2 2 Batteries—Mahaffey and Swart; Powell and O'Connor. Empires—Swartwood and Wood.

At St. Louis—R.H.E. St. Louis 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—6 9 3 St. Louis 0 2 1 0 0 1 0—4 12 3 Batteries—Clayton and Wente; Fry and Roach. Empire—Brennan.

At Lancaster—R.H.E. Lancaster 2 0 2 1 0 0 0—7 12 0 Batteries—Clayton and Wente; Fry and Roach. Empire—Brennan.

At Norfolk—R.H.E. Norfolk 0 1 1 0 0 1 0—7 12 1 Pittsburgh 0 1 1 0 0 1 0—7 12 2 Batteries—Foreman and Fox; Jones and Lyons.

At Allentown—Allentown-Reading gains postponed on account of wet grounds.

NO SHOTS WERE FIRED AT MORRO

Secretary Long Authorizes an Emphatic Denial of the Report.

THE SIGHTS OF THE BLOCKADE

Naval Cadet Boyd, the Only Survivor of the Maine with the Fleet, Gives an Exhibition of His Skill in Handling a Torpedo Boat—Lieutenant Fernandez Made a Prisoner.

Off Havana, April 25.—The early morning hours today were taken up by a vigorous chasing of moving lights. The only vessel spoken was the British schooner Iolanthe of Windsor, N. S. She was allowed to proceed. She was just out of Matanzas. No shots have been fired since yesterday morning on either side.

One of the sights of yesterday was the handling of the torpedo boat Cushing by Naval Cadet Boyd, the only survivor of the Maine with the fleet. Lieutenant Gleaves, commander of the Cushing, spent the better part of the day on the flagship. During his absence Cadet Boyd handled the Cushing with a dash and skill that was remarkable, considering the fact that he was assigned to her only yesterday and had never handled a torpedo boat before, and all this in sight of Morro Castle, in the shadow of which lies what is left of Cadet Boyd's old ship, the Maine.

NO SHOTS EXCHANGED.

Washington, April 26.—Secretary Long at 11 o'clock today authorized an emphatic denial of reports current today that advices had been received that Morro Castle had fired on the fleet, and that it had replied. On board the flagship New York, off Havana, April 26, filed at Key West, Fla., April 26—12 p. m.—The blockade continues. Up to this hour there have been no casualties in the United States blockading squadron.

Key West, Fla., April 26—11 p. m.—The torpedo boat Porter has arrived from off the Cuban coast, and reports that the position of the blockade continues unchanged. There has been no firing on either side. The United States cruiser Cincinnati today captured Lieutenant Pedro Fernandez, of the Spanish army, who was returning to his family on a small steamer, Lieutenant Fernandez is detained on the flagship.

MAKE BELIEVE BATTLE IS FATAL.

Everett Patterson is Killed by His Brother at Council Bluffs.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, April 26.—Everett Patterson, one of the high school cadets of this city, was shot and instantly killed this afternoon by his 14-year-old brother Louis while handling a revolver and playing Spanish and American. Harry Patterson, an elder brother of the victim, is a member of the Dodge light guards, which has been under arms since Saturday awaiting orders to be called to Des Moines with the rest of the state militia. At noon Patterson went to his home to dinner, and laid aside his bayonet and belt, to which was attached his revolver. While he was eating dinner his two brothers secured possession of the arms. Everett made a pass at his younger brother with the bayonet, saying: "This is what I would do to you if you were a Spaniard." The boy, pointing the revolver at him, replied: "And this is what I would do to you if you were a Yank." He was not aware that the gun was loaded, and pulled the trigger. The ball struck Everett in the neck, severed the jugular vein, and the boy dropped dead. The mother, when she realized what had happened, became unconscious from the shock, and grave fears are entertained that she will not recover.

Frank Jengness Hanged.

New Castle, Pa., April 26.—Frank Jengness was hanged in the yard of the county jail here today for the murder of his sweetheart, Jessie Corline. His neck was broken and he died in eight minutes. He protested innocence to the end.

Newport's Prizes.

Key West, Fla., April 26.—The United States gunboat Newport, Captain B. D. Wiley, has brought to the Spanish schooner Paquette and the Spanish schooner Florence, Cuban coasting vessels, which she captured off Havana this morning.

Commander Elmer Dies.

New York, April 26.—Commander Horace Elmer, until recently commander of the Albatross fleet, and who was recently, because of ill health, relieved by Admiral Brooklyn, died at the Manson House in Brooklyn this afternoon.

Roddy Boy Claimed to Be Innocent.

Somerset, Pa., April 25.—Two brothers, John and James Roddy, were hanged here today for the murder of Farmer Davis R. Berkey. Both men protested their innocence on the scaffold.

ARRESTED FOR NON-SUPPORT.

Thomas O'Donnell, of Pine Brook, Locked Up Last Night.

Thomas O'Donnell, of Pine Brook, was arrested by Patrolman Peuster last night at 9 o'clock on a warrant issued by Alderman Howe on the 14th inst., at the instance of his wife, Elizabeth O'Donnell, charging him with drunkenness and non-support. He was locked up and will be given a hearing this morning by the mayor.

TO THE BATTLE, COLUMBIA.

To the battle, Columbia! The enemy comes in martial array to the beat of his drums With floating battalions, from far distant shores, Intent on expounding the cannon's grin.

To the battle, Columbia! By sea and by land We'll meet our brutes and take a firm stand! With suns ever true and with standard displayed, We'll found the foundations our forefathers laid.

To the battle, Columbia! What shall we oppose To the coming and shrewdness of treacherous foes? The God of our fathers; in Him be our might. His hand our arm upholdeth the cause of the right.

To the battle, Columbia! And ne'er be it said That in Liberty's cause we're indifferent or dazed. We will fight till the banner of freedom shall wave O'er the fair isle of Cuba, the home of the brave.

—E. K. Stone.

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